

## South Dakota Libraries' Guide to...



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# SIRS Researcher

### *SIRS Researcher features include:*

- All articles are full-text
- Nearly 100 Leading Issues
  - Articles
  - Research guide
  - Pro/con viewpoints
- Save your research
- Create bibliographies
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- Three ways to search:
  - Subject heading
  - Keyword
  - Browse leading issues
- Articles on these major topic areas:
  - Business
  - Environment
  - Family
  - Global issues
  - Health
  - Human relations
  - Institutions
  - Science
- Articles have a Lexile score reading level
- SIRS stands for "Social Issues Resources Series"

**Special features**—groups specific topics in high interest areas.

**SIRS Researcher** provides selected full-text articles that support grades 6-12. "Leading Issues" provide nearly 100 topics including abortion, gun control, and capital punishment. Each Leading Issue has the topic overview, reviews the pro/con viewpoints and provides My Analysis to guide the student through the critical thinking process.

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**Researcher** ..... Providing Targeted Resources for Student Research

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**LEADING ISSUES**

Abortion  
Adoption  
Affirmative action  
AIDS (Disease)

**YOUR 'TOP 10' PRO vs. CON LEADING ISSUES**

Immigration  
Global warming  
Gun control  
Obesity  
Abortion  
Marijuana legalization  
Sex education  
Doping in sports  
Censorship  
Capital punishment

Printable List of all Issues

**That's Debatable!**

How should sex education be taught in schools?

Abstinence only programs  
Comprehensive sex education programs

Vote!

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Today's News  
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### *To Access SIRS Researcher:*

- Go to SD State Library website (<http://www.sdstatelibrary.com>)
- Click *Electronic Resources: Complete Listing*
- Click *SIRS Researcher*
- Enter your Library Card Number and Password

Every Leading Issue has an Overview of the topic, both sides of the issue and "My Analysis" to help guide the research process.



## LEADING ISSUES: Immigration

[Overview](#) | [Pro/Con](#) | [myAnalysis](#) | [PDF Research Guide](#)

**Those who favor** unrestricted immigration say that immigrants provide cheap labor and services that keep costs down for American consumers. They also argue that immigrants perform the low-paying or undesirable jobs that many Americans do not want to do.

**Those opposed** say that immigrants take jobs away from American citizens and put a strain on government-financed social services. Ted Dickey, an opponent of unrestricted immigration, argues that "record numbers of illegal immigrants are driving wages down for the poor and pushing taxes higher" in his article [Undermining American Workers](#). In the article [Patriots on the Borderline](#), author David Baum cites a 1997 National Research Council study showing that "overall, less than 10% of immigrants are more in publicly funded programs than native-born Americans." Samuel P. Huntington, a professor at Harvard University, argues that immigrants are "not assimilating" into two peoples, the United States and their own countries, because "unlike past immigrant groups, Mexicans and other Latinos have not assimilated into mainstream U.S. culture, forming instead their own political and linguistic enclaves--from Los Angeles to Miami--and rejecting the Anglo-Protestant values that built the American dream" in [The Hispanic Challenge](#).

**MyAnalysis engages students in critical thinking process...**

1. **Develop**  
Basic Knowledge
2. **Understand**  
Differences of Opinion
3. **Differentiate**  
Fact from Opinion
4. **Formulate**  
Your own Opinions
5. **Express**  
Your Ideas in Debates, Presentations and Research papers!

**Printable Research Guide — approx 20 pages.**  
Includes articles, overview, pro/con and My

Search results guide further research

View only the type of information needed—including graphics, selected websites, government documents and primary sources

**Suggested Keywords:** [immigrants](#); [emigration AND immigration](#); [naturalization](#); ["illegal aliens"](#)

[See also Assimilation \(Sociology\)](#)

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